

## TRIED TO POISON CHILDREN.

## GRUBB HAD ANNOUNCED HIS PLANS IN A LETTER.

Police Think He's Insane—Fixed Up Coffee With Paris Green and Tried to Make His Little Girls Drink It—Had Tried to Kill Them Before, So It's Said.

The police of the West 125th street station arrested James Grubb, a janitor, living at 142 Amsterdam avenue, yesterday afternoon, on the charge of having put poison in a pot of coffee for the purpose of giving it to his five children. They think he's insane and finally sent him to Bellevue.

Grubb's wife died about ten days ago. The eldest of his children is Rose, 14 years. The others are Edith, 11; Lenox, 9; Maude, 6 and Guy, 3.

Rose works for Dr. A. J. Hecker, a dentist, living at 7 West 143d street. She went to work as usual yesterday morning and returned to her father's rooms about noon.

When she got there, the police say, her sister Edith cautioned her against drinking any of the coffee which their father had prepared. Edith declared that she had seen her father putting "green stuff" in it.

Grubb tried to get Rose to drink some of the mixture, but she refused. He threatened her at first and then offered her 10 cents if she would drink. Finally, according to the story the police got, Grubb told Rose frankly that there was poison in the coffee and that he intended to kill her and the rest of the children and then end his own life.

When Grubb started to force Edith to drink the liquid, Rose ran out and told Mrs. Stanley, who lives on the same floor, what her father was doing.

Mrs. Stanley got hold of Edith, who was too frightened to know whether she had swallowed any of the coffee and gave her warm water and salt and administered the same antidotes to one or two of the other children. She also sent over a policeman and despatched Rose to Dr. Hecker's office to tell him what had happened.

Patrolman Creedon came up to Grubb's rooms, but Grubb denied to him that he had given the children some medicine, as they were sick and needed it.

Dr. Hecker's first move was to telephone to Police Headquarters, and a squad of cops came to the flat on the double quick. When the second policeman appeared, Grubb pulled a razor from his hip pocket and started to climb out on the fire escape, but the two cops grabbed him. They looked the room over pretty thoroughly but could not find any coffee, nor could they get any information from Grubb.

The children, who were almost speechless with fright.

At the police station, however, Edith said that the coffee was in a bottle under a chair in the dining room. The bottle—an ordinary quart milk bottle—was half full of coffee, and in the bottom was a quarter of an inch of sediment that had the appearance of Paris green.

A surgeon from the J. Hood Wright Hospital examined the children but could not find that any of them had been poisoned. They were all sent to the Gerry society.

Soon after Grubb's arrest Dr. Hecker brought to the police station a letter which he said one of Grubb's relatives had given to him on Saturday and which was written by Grubb to his mother-in-law. This is the letter:

APR. 14th, 1902.

My dear mother,

I am writing you this letter to tell you how I feel about you and how much I love you. I have pulled and dragged with you for 14 years and see nothing but the same with your children which I love so I nearly give up.

P. S. You did not want to help to keep up. So better all were over.

P. S. I love Mr. Meyer Brothers \$15 dollars. They were good friends to Mary and I. Good-bye. May the good God bless you all.

At the end of the letter somebody, apparently not Grubb, had written "I don't believe him." The police failed last night to find Mr. Lohr.

Dr. Hecker said last night that the reason he had not turned Grubb's letter over to the police was that he had talked with Grubb about it and that Grubb had promised him to stop drinking. Dr. Hecker told him, he said, that if he drank any more he would give the letter to the police.

The physician at the J. Hood Wright Hospital examined the coffee, but they would not say whether they thought it contained poison.

The police say that they have learned that Grubb a night or two ago pasted paper on cracks in the door and in other ways prepared to asphyxiate his family, but that his plan was discovered.

Grubb has been drinking, it is said, since his wife died. Only a day or two ago he was served with a dispositive notice.

**WOULD INDICT MAYOR FAGAN.**

Mayor of North Arlington Says Fagan's Conduct Was Rotten in His Town.

HACKENSACK, N. J., April 17.—Mayor George Bayless of North Arlington borough was here yesterday consulting with Public Prosecutor Koester with a view to having Mayor Mark M. Fagan and Corporation Counsel George L. Record of Jersey City indicted for riot.

Last Sunday Mayor Fagan and Mr. Record visited North Arlington with a gang of laborers and attempted to cut off the water pipes of the Suburban Water Company mains so that Jersey City might furnish water to Harrison, Kearney, Arlington and North Arlington.

The riot seemed imminent and the Jersey City crowd retired without accomplishing its purpose.

Mayor Bayless told Prosecutor Koester that the conduct of Mayor Fagan, Philip Record and the other Jersey City officials who were present was rotten. Mr. Koester says he will lay the matter before the Grand Jury.

**A NEW COMET DISCOVERED.**

It is the twenty-fourth that Dr. Brooks of Smith Observatory has found.

GENEVA, N. Y., April 17.—Dr. William R. Brooks, director of Smith Observatory and professor of astronomy at Hobart College, who is known in astronomical circles as the comet finder, discovered another comet shortly after 9 o'clock last night in the constellation Hercules. It is stellar in form, with a small single tail, and moved slowly in a northerly direction. The exact location at the time of discovery was right ascension, 16 hours, 58 minutes and 10 seconds; declination, north 44 degrees, 10 minutes.

This is the twenty-fourth comet that Dr. Brooks has discovered. The first was found at the Redhouse Observatory, Phelps, N. Y., on Oct. 21, 1882. Ten others were found at that observatory and the remaining thirteen were found at the Smith Observatory during the last sixteen years.

**NEW FIRE BATTALION.**

Part of Commissioner Hayes's Scheme for Redistricting the City.

An engine company, numbered 76 was put in commission yesterday morning in handsome new quarters at 105 West 102d street. It consists of two fire engines and two hose wagons.

The new company is part of the Eleventh battalion and will cover the section between West 101st street and West 110th street, from Central Park to the North River.

In carrying out Commissioner Hayes's plans for the protection of the business section of the Bronx a new battalion has been established, to be known as the Seventeenth. It will not mean an increase in the department, but it is part of a general scheme to redistrict the city.



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## POPE'S DELEGATE IS HERE.

DEDICATES THE NEW ITALIAN CHURCH IN BAXTER ST.

Luncheon Given in His Honor, at Which the Talk is All of the Work of Keeping Immigrant Italians Sound in Their Faith—Mgr. Falconio Gives His Views.

Mgr. Falconio, the Apostolic Delegate at Washington, came here yesterday to dedicate the Church of the Precious Blood in Baxter street. This is entirely an Italian parish and is under the direction of Archbishop Falconio, a member. The church, which cost \$200,000, was erected by the contributions of Italians in this city and is a marked instance of the policy of Archbishop Farley's administration, which has been to emphasize to the Italians who land here the need for supporting their church and their obligation to it.

The church, which is a handsome structure of Tennessee marble, with an interior finish of Vermont marble and granite, was decorated with typical Italian taste. White and gold colored bunting, mingled with the Papal delegate's colors, crimson and purple, draped the front of the church. A large shield bearing Mgr. Falconio's coat of arms was hung above the door and the same style of decoration was followed inside the edifice. An improvised throne covered with white, and dazzling with gold paper decorations, pleased the eyes of the several thousand immigrants who filled the church.

Mgr. Falconio dedicated the church and bestowed the apostolic benediction, after which the first solemn high mass was celebrated. The Very Rev. Father Athanasius Butelli, provincial of the Franciscan order, officiated, assisted by Father Martiniello, nephew of Cardinal Martelli, and the Rev. Giacomo Gambera. Mgr. Falconio, in full pontificals, presided on the throne, attended by Mgr. Lavelle, rector of the Cathedral, and Mr. John Edwards of the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The Rev. Dr. Fernanti of Archbishop Farley's staff preached in Italian.

Following the dedication, a luncheon in honor of Mgr. Falconio was served at the rector's residence. Mgr. Lavelle toasted the delegate and told how highly the Italians appreciated the interest of the Papal representative. In his response Mgr. Falconio said:

It is the common opinion that Italians do not understand their faith and don't know how to support the Church. The answer to this is that the Italians do not understand English and most Americans cannot speak Italian. When you are close to them you come to know that they understand their faith and love it and want to support it. I take it as an evidence of the growth of conditions and the right way to meet them that this church has been built entirely at the expense of Italians.

The Rev. Dr. Dennis McMahon, director of Catholic charities in New York, was introduced by Mgr. Lavelle as "half Italian" because of his work among the Italians here. Dr. McMahon spoke of his work. "Charity," he said, "is the essence of Catholicity."

The last speaker, the Rev. Lambert de Marucci, spoke in his native tongue. He expressed regret that there had not been better cooperation in meeting Italian problems in foreign countries.

"The Italians are left to stand alone," said Father Marucci. "Other nations give together; work for and with one another; but the Italian is left to his own people in a strange land for the inculcation of his faith and the strength thereof."

Archbishop Farley's work for the Italians was strongly commended by all the speakers. Mgr. Falconio will remain in New York for several days as the guest of the Franciscan Friars.

**REVIEWS THE NEGRO'S PROGRESS.**

Booker T. Washington Tells a Brooklyn Audience of His Advancement.

Booker T. Washington spoke to a large audience in the Church of the Pilgrims, Remsen and Henry streets, Brooklyn, last night, on the negro question. His theme was the education of the race.

Mr. Washington gave a short history of the work done by the Tuskegee Institute in the education of teachers for the work among the children of the poorer classes in the South. He gave statistics showing the advancement of the negro race during the forty years since the emancipation and claimed for the negro a greater amount of progress than has been attained by any other race.

The Rev. H. P. Dewey, pastor of the church, made an earnest plea to the congregation for a generous collection in aid of the Tuskegee Institute. The collection plates held many bills after they had been passed.

**ST. GEORGE'S DAY KEPT.**

A Special Service in the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

There was a special service last evening in honor of St. George's day in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, at Eleventh street and Waverly place. The edifice was at one time the Church of St. George the Divine, and the congregation is made up chiefly of Englishmen.

The walls were hung with American and British flags alternately, and behind the altar was suspended an immense standard of St. George—the red cross on a white field. After the benediction the audience joined in singing "God Save the King," the verses of which were to alternate with the words of "America." The Rev. Arthur H. Judge, M. A., rector of St. Matthew's Church, in West Eighty-fourth street, preached.

**Lived Two Months With His Neck Broken.**

Robert Long of 736 South Broad street, Elizabeth, died in St. James Hospital, Newark, after lying in that institution for two months with a broken neck. It was believed a week ago that he would recover.

## Reduced rates to California

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That long looked for opportunity of visiting California is here at last. March 1st to April 30th, the Rock Island System will sell "colonist" tickets to principal points in California at the following low rates:

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**LESSON TO NEW PREACHERS.**

Bishop Potter Tells a Story to Show That Work for the Public Good Does Count.

Bishop Potter ordained two priests and confirmed a class of forty-three at the Church of the Holy Communion, at Twentieth street and Sixth avenue, yesterday morning. The two young clergymen are the Rev. H. F. Taylor, who has been appointed assistant to the Rev. Dr. Henry Motter at the Church of the Holy Communion, and the Rev. William Gillespie, who will be stationed at the old Pro-Cathedral in Stanton street.

Before the ordination, Bishop Potter preached on the duties of the present-day minister and drew a comparison with those of the pioneer clergymen. He seemed to think that the preachers of to-day face greater difficulties. The Bishop also had some things to say about heroism.

"The average imaginative mind of today dreams of emergencies, due to extraordinary circumstances," he said, "and its possessor shows a readiness to throw away his own life. He will read the newspapers of to-day, or yesterday, or to-morrow, and he will see the report of some impulsive act of heroism, will idealize and even envy the subject of the story. I am not so sure that the man who bears patiently with a sorrow, or a woman who is brave in the face of the disgrace of a drunken husband, or carries the cross of some other affliction that ends only in death, is not a greater hero than the man who crosses a railroad track to rescue a child. If we could look under the roofs of some of the New York homes, homes of rich as well as poor, we would find heroism equal to any recorded in the daily press—heroism so deep and noble that the average mind could not grasp it. I tell you, the street clean and sweet for my children. I will always pray for him."

The Bishop used this lesson on his young candidates and asked that they consecrate their lives to making not only the streets but the homes of New York clean, the children safe and life brighter.

The congregation was so large that the parish house had to be used to accommodate 300 of the parishioners.

**DEDICATED BY THE ARCHBISHOP.**

The congregation of St. Aloysius Opens a \$300,000 Church.

Archbishop Farley dedicated the new Church of St. Aloysius in West 132d street yesterday morning in the presence of a large congregation. Following the dedication a solemn high mass was celebrated by the Rev. James W. Power, rector of All Saints, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Thomas Keenan as deacon and Father Thomas O'Connor of St. Stephen's as sub-deacon. The Rev. Father Dougherty of St. Gabriel's preached, reviewing the history of the parish from the days when the congregation worshipped in a public hall, until the opening of this \$300,000 church.

The church is built in Gothic style. One of its most striking features is the white marble altar. Over the tabernacle is a high marble canopy topped with statues of the four evangelists and angels. Behind the altar is a striking background of colored marble.

The Rev. John A. McKenna, who founded the parish, has been appointed its rector.

**OLD ST. PETER'S CHURCH TO BE RESTORED.**

St. Peter's Church in Barclay street, the oldest Roman Catholic church in this city, is to be renovated. A new main altar, two side altars, a new rector, and frescoes and paintings on ceiling and walls will be introduced. A friend of St. Peter's, whose name is withheld, furnishes the money—about \$50,000.

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